



That was a terrible error last week, announcing the Fiesta a week too late. I wonder who goofed!

Agawam Garden Club

On Tuesday, September 10, the Agawam Garden Club will meet at the Captain Charles Leonard House at 7:45 P.M. The topic of the evening will be "Songs and Habits of Our Common Bird Friends". Mrs. John Farrington has secured the loan of bird song recordings from the Springfield Library. She will briefly review the book "Bird Songs" by Norma Stillwell who describes the preparations necessary to make such recordings. There will be suet holders and bird pudding on sale for those interested in attracting our feathered friends. President Mrs. Natalie George will preside at the business meeting and refreshments will be enjoyed at the social period. Friends and guests are always welcome.

WMECo Wants Property Rights Respected

Officials at Western Mass. Electric Co., today issued a strongly-worded appeal to political aspirants to ensure that their supporters refrain from posting campaign signs on the company's service poles.

A spokesman for the company said that in some areas, line crews and repair men have experienced delays in servicing pole-mounted transformers and other equipment because of the presence of many campaign signs.

"There is an additional safety factor here, which doesn't look too serious at first glance," he said. "The potential hazards increase rapidly when darkness comes and crews are called out to make emergency repairs to downed wires and equipment, and find themselves literally stumbling over signs as they mount a pole."

"The most serious danger involves the mails used to place signs. A lineman's spikes or cleats on his shoes can easily become caught on a nail, giving rise to the possibility of a serious fall or twisted ankle."

"The company's poles are just that -- they are private property and as such the placement of any sign on them constitutes a trespass. Therefore, all signs which we find on our property will be removed."

Stage West Fall Season

New things are happening at Stage West. The one year old professional resident theatre, located in the Eastern States Exposition Grounds in West Springfield, will open its doors November 1 for its second season, and the emphasis this year will be on entertainment and comedy. Springfield audiences have indicated a preference for theatre on the lighter side, and Stage West plans to give them what they want to see.

The 1968-69 season opens November 1 with Neil Simon's hilarious comedy, **BAREFOOT IN THE PARK**, in which sixth-floor walkup apartment provides the scene for the delightful shenanigans of newlyweds.

Opening November 29 will be Tennessee Williams' stirring drama, **THE GLASS MENAGERIE**. Winner of the 1945 Drama Critics' Circle Award, this poignant and tender play still stands among the finest in contemporary American theatre.

Next in line, and opening December 27, **HAY FEVER** by Noel Coward will be on hand for the Christmas holidays.

The fourth offering of the coming season will be **THE BIRTHDAY PARTY** by one of England's most gifted and dynamic young playwrights, Harold Pinter.

And opening February 21 will be George Bernard Shaw's best loved comedy, **AMRS AND THE MAN**.

For the final offering of the 1968-69 season, Stage West will present another innovation -- a Subscribers' Choice. During the month of January there will be balloting in the lobby and subscribers will be asked to vote for the play of their choice from a list.

The six plays will again be offered on a subscription plan which provides subscribers with the opportunity of seeing all six plays for the price of four.

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the BIG E

WEST SPRINGFIELD, Mass. -- The decibels will be scaling to unheard-of heights at the Eastern States Exposition (Sept. 13-22) on Friday, Sept. 13 at 7 p.m. The date and time are affixed to the Big E's all free Rock-In sponsored by TV's Hullabaloo Scene and which will be swinging into action in the Coliseum.

The Coliseum has seen plenty of noisy and fun-filled events but never anything quite like the Rock-In. Four famous rock groups have been signed to wail and warble and amplify their way into the minds of countless numbers of the younger set. And it's free.

The featured group is called "The Brooklyn Bridge" featuring Johnny Maestro. The Bridge is coming to the Big E direct from a record-smashing engagement at the top New York rock spot, "Cheetah." Johnny Maestro and his entourage demolished that popular discotheque's attendance marks on one recent Saturday and then preceded to top their own record on the following Saturday. With a total of 10 males and one female in their group, the Bridge has burst upon the pop music scene with all the drive and gusto of a whirlwind. They are just as exciting, too.

The Brooklyn Bridge employs mostly original material yet has received standing, stomping ovations at "Cheetah" and other top night clubs for their own stylized renditions of all the top hits. The Bridge is a construction that is self-enclosed, with their own vocalists and musicians. They require little else than an audience.

Another renowned musical organization to be included in the swinging Rock-In program will be "Monty and the Specialties" a group which has been a strong force on the pop music scene since 1958. This band with the beat has appeared at every major college and university campus in New England and has performed on the same bill as such famed groups as "The Animals", "The Lovin' Spoonful" and "The Young Rascals".

The rest of the bill for the Big E's free Rock-In lists the well-known "Blue Buyous" and the soul-centered "Harveyettes".

Agawam Council PTA Meets Monday

Mrs. Domenic DiDonato president of the Agawam Council P.T.A. has called an important executive board meeting for Monday, September 9th at 8:00 P.M. at the Junior High School.

Committee appointments and state convention delegates will be announced. Officers and delegates from all elementary school units will discuss and act on important items effecting all Agawam Units for the year.

Give the Kids A BRAKE



In a cemetery in Orleans, France, there was an epitaph: "Here lies Juliette Legrand, wife of a bookkeeper." As Monsieur Legrand rose in his job he wanted his late wife to share in his promotion. The epitaph now reads: "Here lies Juliette Legrand, wife of an assistant manager."

LOCAL ITEMS CAN NOT BE ACCEPTED AFTER MON.

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Operation Housewife 3rd Season at WNEC

SPRINGFIELD, MASS. -- Operation Housewife, that highly successful educational venture introduced two years ago by Western New England College, will begin its third year this fall when day school classes begin on Monday, September 16.

With its new twist to an old problem - how to pursue a college education while taking care of school-aged children - Operation Housewife will once again make it possible for educationally-minded area housewives to send the children off to school, attend WNEC between the hours of 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. and still be able to return home in time to attend to the homeward-bound children, clean the house, and put supper on the stove for the entire family.

Operation Housewife, the first educational program of its kind in Western Massachusetts, will again favor the lady of the house with an opportunity to continue or begin her college education by pursuing college courses for credit.

This year's program, will offer a greater selection and variety of courses, almost double last year's offering and from both the Schools of Arts and Sciences and Business Administration in such areas as accounting, business law, economics, English, finance, foreign languages, history, management, government, mathematics, marketing, philosophy, and sociology.

Scheduling times for courses have again been planned with the house-

wife in mind. Courses in each of the above areas have been scheduled for Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at 10 a.m., 11 a.m. or 1:00 p.m. Only one course, technical writing will be offered on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11:00 a.m. to Noon. Other than than, courses in accounting, economics, Shakespeare-Tradgedies, German, computer systems, mathematics, marketing, and psychology are available at 10 a.m. Courses in accounting, business law, English composition, English literature, finance, German, government, United States history, management, marketing, and sociology are available at 11:00 a.m. And courses in economics, English composition, world literature, 19th century English literature, French, the structure of American industry, human relations, business policy and organization, mathematics, elementary logic, and social psychology are offered at 1:00.

Registration for new students is scheduled for September 11, while the following day has been set aside for the registering of returning students. Classes will begin on September 16.

The response to this program over the past two years has been gratifying. It has proven to college officials that given the opportunity, housewives who previously thought it impossible to further their education managed to find time and were able to start or continue their educational futures, successfully, at Western New England College. This year is expected to be no exception.

Band Color Guard & Majorettes to be Selected

Each year on the first Monday afternoon of school a large number of girls from the junior class assemble in the gym for the Color Guard tryouts. Nine of them will be selected by a panel of faculty members to become the Color Guard alternates for the year, serving as understudy to a senior color guard member during a year of training and drill.

In 1955 the Agawam High Band became one of the first school units to include an all-girl color guard and this group has continued to be one of the highlights of the bands marching activities. Girls picked at the beginning of their junior year become the color guard when they are seniors. As juniors they usually have a chance to march in some senior

members place at least once and very often make an appearance as banner carriers at special events. Any girls in the junior class is eligible with judging considering general appearance, bearing and rhythm in a regular marching stride.

Selection of band majorettes and featured twirlers will also be held that week. Any students trying out for these positions should pick up applications from the music office with baton twirling requirements and details of the tryout to be announced later.

Band Parents will organize for the year in the band room following the Elementary Instrumental Demonstration on Wed. Sept. 11. The Fall Candy Sale will take place on Sept. 29.

Exhibit of Authentic Antiques

HARTFORD, CONN. - How early New Englanders lived 150 to 300 years ago will be the theme of the region's largest exhibit of authentic American antique furniture and decorative accessories Sept. 26-28 at the State Armory, Broad St.

The glimpse back into the past will be staged to raise funds for the maintenance of five state museums, Mrs. Joseph S. Rosenthal, president of Connecticut's largest preservation agency, the Antiquarian and Landmarks Society, Inc., announced today.

Seventy-five antiques dealer-collectors from Maine to Maryland will participate, exhibiting pre-1830 antiques as they would have been used in the various periods of early American history. Displays will cover the Pilgrim Century years of 1650 to 1700, the colonial period leading up to the Revolutionary War era, and the Federal period of 1780 through 1830.

Funds raised by the show will be used for needed repairs to the five historic houses maintained by the Society as public museums, Mrs. Rosenthal explained.

These include the 1776 Nathan Hale Homestead, Coventry; the 1760-95 Hatheway House, Suffield; the 1692 Buttolph-Williams House, Wethersfield; the 1678-1728 Hempsted House, New London; and the 1816 Amasa Day House, Moodus.

The show and sale will be open to the public from 1:00 to 10:30 P.M. Sept. 26 and 27, and from 1:00 to

8:30 P.M. Sept. 28, Miss Betty Forbes, who will direct the exhibit for the Society, said.

The majority of the exhibits will be designed as room settings, Miss Forbes explained, with vignettes of kitchens and hearths; country and city parlors, dining rooms; bedchambers and workshops. Specialized displays will include collections of pewter, silver, glass, pottery and porcelains; iron and woodenware utensils; paintings, prints and other graphic Americana; tin, copper and brass accessories; linens and home-spuns; lighting devices and Shaker artifacts. Other categories sought by collectors today, including early miniature furniture and toys; wares imported to this country during the height of clipper ship trade days; rare books, maps and documents; scrimshaw and oriental carpets, will be shown also, during the three-day event.

S.C. Receives Over 1 Million

Gifts to Springfield College totaling \$1,091,786 for the fiscal year 1967-68 have been announced by college President Wilbert E. Locklin. Commenting on the total, Locklin said, "This is the first time in the history of Springfield College in which the million dollar mark has been exceeded in a single year." This year's record total is \$220,000 higher than the preceding year's total of \$871,525. Alumni giving alone surpassed \$250,000.

According to Scott H. Willson, Director of Development, most of the gifts and grants received by SC came from private sources including alumni, friends, parents of students, trustees, corporators, YMCA's, foundations corporations and bequests. President Locklin commented on this private support by saying, "Springfield is a college which depends upon gifts from private sources in order to grow. It is particularly significant that more than 80 per cent of the money this year came from private sources indicating that Springfield can continue to develop without being a burden on the taxpayer. Most of the limited federal grants were used for student aid." Eighteen per cent of the funds come from government grants restricted to scholarship, endowment, campus expansion, training programs, workshops and the new Urban Life Program.

Pelligri on Over-Centralization

Attorney Gerard L. Pelligri, Democratic candidate for Hampden County Commissioner, said today that "those who talk of the abolition of the county form of government are in reality favoring a further step toward over-centralization of government and would eliminate an echelon of government that can have a grass roots closeness to the people."

Attorney Pelligri said: "We read and we are told that the people -- the taxpayers, the voters, those who simply observe -- are apathetic, that they are not interested in the functions of government."

"In my opinion nothing could be further from the truth."

"The fact of the matter is that the

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Zundell's Views on County Comm.

Clifford M. Zundell of Longmeadow, Republican candidate for Hampden County Commissioner, stated today that "although out commission now handles approximately \$6.5 million annually and is the next echelon of government above the 23 cities and towns of the county, the commission is probably the least known unit of government."

Mr. Zundell said: "Even residents who are interested in and concerned about government know very little about the county commission."

"Very little information is released from county government, with the exception of copies of the annual report that are delivered to town and city halls at the end of the year, and receive minimal distribution, if that."

"The average Hampden County community's officials see the county commissioners assemble in the towns for a Chapter 90 hearing which may last as little as a few seconds."

"This is not the way county gov-

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Hampden SS Probate Court
To all persons interested in a petition for adoption of LANCE ALLEN BOUCHARD otherwise LANCE ALLAN BOUCHARD of Agawam, in said County.

A petition has been presented to said Court by SALVATORE JOHN IMPOCO, and JOYCE ANN DUCEY BOUCHARD IMPOCO his wife, of said Agawam, praying for leave to adopt said LANCE ALLEN BOUCHARD otherwise LANCE ALLAN BOUCHARD, a child of GEORGE HENRY BOUCHARD JR. of parts unknown, and JOYCE ANN DUCEY BOUCHARD now JOYCE ANN DUCEY BOUCHARD IMPOCO, his former wife, and that the name of said child be changed to LANCE ALLEN IMPOCO.

If you desire to object thereto you or your attorney should file a written appearance in said Court at Springfield before ten o'clock in the forenoon on the twenty-ninth day of October 1968, the return day of this citation.

Witness, ABRAHAM I. SMITH Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this fifth day of August 1968.

JOHN J. LYONS, Register.
August 22, 29, Sept. 5

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Hampden SS Probate Court
To all persons interested in the estate of HERBERT W. HANSON late of Agawam in said County of Hampden, deceased.

A petition has been presented to said Court for probate of a certain instrument purporting to be the last Will of said deceased by LILLIAN E. HANSON of said Agawam praying that she be appointed executrix thereof without giving a surety on her bond.

If you desire to object thereto, you or your attorney should file a written appearance in said Court at Springfield, in said County of Hampden, before ten o'clock in the forenoon on the twenty-fourth day of September 1968, the return day of this citation.

Witness, ABRAHAM I. SMITH, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this sixteenth day of August 1968.

JOHN J. LYONS, Register.
Aug. 29, Sept. 5, 12

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Hampden SS Probate Court
To all persons interested in the estate of LUCILLE McMAHON late of Agawam, in said County, deceased.

The administratrix of the estate of said LUCILLE McMahon has presented to said Court for allowance her first and final account.

If you desire to object thereto you or your attorney should file a written appearance in said Court at Springfield before ten o'clock in the forenoon on the twentieth day of September 1968, the return day of this citation.

Witness, ABRAHAM I. SMITH Esquire, First Judge of Said Court, this twenty-first day of August 1968.

JOHN J. LYONS, Register.
Aug. 29, Sept. 5, 12

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Hampden SS Probate Court

To all persons interested in the estate of LORENZA FONTANA late of Agawam in said County of Hampden, deceased.

A petition has been presented to said Court for probate of a certain instrument purporting to be the last Will of said deceased by ALFRED FONTANA of said Agawam praying that he be appointed executor thereof without giving a surety on his bond.

If you desire to object thereto, you or your attorney should file a written appearance in said Court at Springfield, in said County of Hampden, before ten o'clock in the forenoon on the twenty-seventh day of September 1968, the return day of this citation.

Witness, ABRAHAM I. SMITH, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this twenty-third day of August 1968.

JOHN J. LYONS, Register.
Sept. 5, 12, 19

PELLIGRINI

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real cause of any apathy that may exist is the over-centralization of government...the creation of a bureaucratic maze which confounds and frustrates the average citizen and causes him to lose contact with the people who make the decisions or to whom he can turn in times of need.

"County government, functioning with interest and effectiveness, as it could, should be close to the people and subject to their approval at election time.

"County government is financed by the taxes of the people of the cities and towns. I wonder if it makes good sense for our counties to be regulated by the Legislative Committee on Counties, in Boston, whose members may come from the populous eastern Massachusetts cities, unaware of the needs of this part of the state and not answerable to our people at the ballot box?

"I certainly do not favor the abolition of county government. I am most strongly in favor of making it a unit of greater function and importance to the people who support it with their taxes."

ZUNDELL'S VIEWS

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ernment should be handled. Members should approach their duties and their relationship with the communities with interest and animation.

"There should be a continuing distribution of information about what the county commission is and what it is doing and planning.

"If I am elected to the Hampden County Commission one of my goals will be to create a new awareness, a new interest, in county government. If I become a county commissioner, people will soon know a lot more about the commission than they do now."



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Nature's Ways

If you live anywhere except in the heart of a city, you probably know that this has been an exceptionally productive summer for raccoons.

Since I neither grow a garden nor am I too fastidious about what happens around the garbage pail, I find this population explosion interesting.

There had been hints in early summer that something unusual was afoot among raccoons. A female raccoon—or I supposed it was a female from its smaller size—frequently appeared at the garbage can before dark. She showed considerable urgency about gathering food.

As often as I tried, I never succeeded in learning how she removed the lid from the container. The garbage can was kept upright—most of the time, at least—by an iron pipe driven into the ground. Since it is a twenty-gallon can of considerable diameter, the only apparent means by which an animal the size of a raccoon could remove the lid would be by standing on the lid and lifting it by the handle. But, this involved the old proposition of lifting oneself by one's own bootstraps and obviously was impossible. I finally decided that she climbed the iron pipe and lifted the lid by its rim—despite the fact that the rim was pinched between the can and the pipe.

On several nights when I heard activity, I turned a large flashlight on the can. But, I had to open the screen door before aiming the flashlight. Since a raccoon has considerable sensitivity to the slightest noise, the click of the latch gave her warning. It meant that I had to shine the light up a nearby pine tree until I finally saw two lights shining back at me—the

by Wayne Hanley
Mass. Audubon Society

reflections in the raccoon's eyes.

One night in early August, I was exceptionally fast at opening the door and the flashlight beam struck quite a congregation of raccoons. The female stood by the can and arranged around her were six half-grown raccoons. Within seconds, all had disappeared into the nearby weeds.

Six half-grown young is quite a record for a raccoon mother. She has but six faucets in her dairy department. Raccoons seldom, if ever, have more than seven young and the total score usually starts out at fewer than six. That she had brought six to half-growth probably was a tribute to her motherly instincts and my indifference. Between us, we had made good use of garbage.

What starts out well for raccoons sometimes ends badly. The garbage can lid has been removed less frequently in recent days. At least two adult raccoons have been shot in the neighborhood since the night that my flashlight caught a whole family. Probably one of them was the mother of that brood. One of them was shot while pulling a chicken out of a coop. The other was rifling a garbage can.

While one regrets to hear of the death of an acquaintance that ate from the same table—once removed—it is apparent from all the reports, plus actual sightings, of raccoons in the neighborhood that the current population explosion has produced a reliable supply. There must be far too many raccoons—so many that the grim, lean days of winter must thin them.

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JR. HIGH

MON.: ju., slop. Joe on roll, but. com, cher. crisp, TUES.: ju., beef in grvy, mash. pot. broc., B&B, ice cream. WED.: ju., hmbg. on bun, gm. beans, pean. but. sand., slic. peaches w/but cookie, THURS.: ju., shell mac. w/mt. balls, cab. & car. salad, B&B, fruit cup. FRI.: ju., salad fish sticks, mash. pot., pick. beets, B&B, choc. cake.

HIGH SCHOOL

MON.: gril. hm. w/pin., par. pot., applesauce, B&B, pean. but. sand., choc. cake w/but. icing. TUES.: org. ju., hmbg. on roll w/must., rel. slic. onions, pot. chips, but. car., pean. but. sand, cust. donut, WED.: cold cut grind., let. & tom., pean. but. snad., but. cake w/choc. icing. THURS.: org. ju., frank. on roll, hm. baked beans, cab. & car. salad, pean. but. sand., applesauce, FRI.: ju., gril. cheese sand., car. & col. sticks, pean. but. sand, strawberry. shortcake w/top.

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MON.: org. ju., meat ball grinder, slic. tom., apple. TUES.: tom. soup, chop. ham sand., but. corn, pot. chips, fr. fruit. WED.: spag. w/mt. & cheese sauce, cab. & car. salad, B&B, fruit. THURS.: ju., gril. hmbg. on bun, rel. & onion slic., but. gm. beans, cant. wedge., FRI.: ju., tuna fish sand., garden salad, pot. sticks, jelly donut.

GRANGER SCHOOL

MON.: ju., hmbg. on but. roll, rel. & cat., cheese cube, but. beets. TUES.: ju., slop. Joe on roll, but. gm. beans, cheese finger, pineapple crm. pud. w/whip. top, WED.: rst. pork in brn. gravy, mash. pot., whole kernel corn, B&B, cit. fruit, THURS.: ju., meat ball grinder, let. & tom. salad w/spin. gms., apples. FRI.: ju., fish sticks, fluf. rice, but. car., spice cake.

PIERCE SCHOOL

MON.: meat balls in tom. sauce, but. steam. rice, but. peas & car., pean. but. sand., choc. pud. w/top. TUES.: org. ju., bak. lunch. mt., pot. salad, har. beets, hot but. com brd., pean. but. sand., jello w/top. WED.: chick. salad sand., Ker. corn, pot. chips, car. stix, cheese squ., cit. fruit cup. THURS.: hmbg. w/bm. gravy, whip. pot., but. leaf spin., B&B, peach shortck. FRI.: bak. mac., w/cheese & tom., but. gm. beans, cheese or pean. but. sand., diced pears.

DANAHY SCHOOL

MON.: ju., hmbg. on bun, cab. & car. salad, cheese wedge, prune cake w/fros. TUES.: mac. w/mt. & tom. sauce, wax beans, cheese wedge, B&B, slic. peaches. WED.: ju., grind., pot. chips, choc. pud. w/top, THURS.: hmbg. & grvy, mash. pot., broc., B&B, peaches FRI.: gril. cheese sand., pot. chips, tos. salad, pean. but. cook. fruit.

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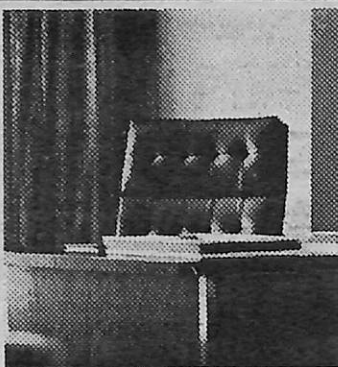
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